

**DRAFT**  
**BOARD OF STATE HISTORY MINUTES**  
September 6, 2007

**ATTENDANCE:**

Michael Homer, chair  
Martha Bradley, vice chair  
Chere Romney  
Claudia Berry  
Bob McPherson  
Max Smith  
Scott Christensen  
Ron Coleman  
Greg Thompson

**EXCUSED:**

Michael Winder  
Maria Garciaz

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Korral Broschinsky, Consultant  
Beatrice Lufkin, Consultant  
Jay Hicken, Providence City  
Adrian Gale, Providence City  
Brenda Nelson, Providence City  
Rhodney Reck

**Staff:**

Phil Notarianni.  
Wilson Martin  
Lynette Lloyd

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Michael Homer welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked Cory Jensen to introduce the public in attendance.

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 21, 2007 MEETING**

Scott Christensen made the motion to approve the June 21 minutes and Bob McPherson seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 23, 2007 RETREAT**

Greg Thompson made the motion to approve the August 23 retreat minutes and Scott Christensen seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

**NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS**

Please refer to the following criteria:

- A) Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B) Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C) Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

**Providence National Historic District**, presented by Cory Jensen.

The Providence Historic District encompasses the historic city center of Providence, Cache County, Utah. The district is primarily residential with a few commercial/institutional buildings located at the corner of Main and Center Streets. The district remains very rural in character with a high number of extant agricultural outbuildings associated with the residential housing stock. The period of significance is 1866, the date of the earliest extant building to 1957, the cut-off date for National Register eligibility. The district includes 401 primary resources, of which 207 (52

percent) contribute to its historic character. All the contributing resources are buildings, except the remnants of the irrigation system, which is a contributing linear structure. Of the 194 non-contributing buildings, 40 are altered historic buildings, and 154 are out of period. The district also includes 194 outbuildings, of which 132 are contributing and 62 non-contributing.

The Providence Historic District is significant under Criterion A for its association with the development of Providence from a subsistence-based settlement to a thriving community with a strong economic base in agriculture. With a few exceptions, the residents of the town during the historic period were engaged in agriculture. Historically, the residents of Providence were a close-knit community consisting of mostly descendants of its first pioneer settlers. The early settlers included an unusually high concentration of German and Swiss immigrants. The historic district is also significant under Criterion C for a large number of architecturally significant buildings. Despite the presence of some late twentieth-century construction, the district retains a high degree of historic integrity. Prior to this nomination, two buildings within the district were individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Providence Historic District contributes to the historic resources of the city under the following areas of significance: Architecture, Community Planning and Development, Social History and Commerce. Architecturally, the district retains a high level of integrity. The housing stock includes representatives of architectural styles and types for the entire historic period, ranging from log cabins to elaborate examples of Victorian Eclectic architecture, to the twentieth-century styles of the middle-class. A large number of these buildings were designed and constructed by their first owners. In the category of Community Planning and Development, the district has the distinctive characteristics of Utah's early pioneer settlement with moderate infill and no inner-block development. The Social History of the agricultural community is found in the history of its residents and their associations with the economy and community development of Providence.

Scott Christensen made the motion to accept Providence for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Max Smith seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

**Yalecrest National Historic District**, presented by Cory Jensen.

The Yalecrest Historic District is located on the east bench of Salt Lake City, southeast of the business and downtown section. It is locally significant both architecturally and historically, under Criterion A for its association with the residential development of the east bench of Salt Lake City by real estate developers and builders in the first half of the twentieth century. Its tract period revival cottages and subdivisions of larger houses for the more well-to-do represent the boom and optimism of the 1920s and 1930s in Salt Lake City.

The district is also significant under Criterion C for its intact architectural homogeneity. It was built out quickly with 22 subdivisions platted from 1910 to 1938 containing houses that reflect the popular styles of the era, largely period revival cottages in English Tudor and English Cottage styles. The architectural variety and concentration of period cottages found is unrivalled in the state. Examples from Yalecrest are used to illustrate period revival styles in the only statewide architectural style manual. The subdivisions were platted and built by the prominent architects and developers responsible for early twentieth century east side Salt Lake City development. It is associated with local real estate developers who shaped the patterns of growth of the east bench of Salt Lake City in the twentieth century. Yalecrest was initially and continues to be the residential

area of choice for prominent men and women of the city. The district is locally renowned as the “Harvard-Yale area” and its streets lined with mature trees and historic houses are referenced in advertising for twenty-first century subdivisions elsewhere in the Salt Lake Valley. It is a remarkably visually cohesive area with uniform setbacks, historic houses of the same era with comparable massing and landscaping, streets lined with mature shade trees, and a surprising level of contributing buildings that retain their historic integrity. It contains a concentration of architecturally significant period revival cottages and bungalows designed by renowned architects and builders of Utah. The historic resources of the Yalecrest Historic District contribute to the history of the residential east bench development of Salt Lake City.

Bob McPherson made the motion to approve the Yalecrest Historic District for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Scott Christensen seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE FOR FELLOWS AND HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

Michael Homer reminded the Board of the discussion at the Board retreat to establish a subcommittee to review the procedures to nominate Fellows and Honorary Life Members. The committee would review qualifications to nominate individuals and institutionalize the process. Michael would also like to suggest that this committee include a process for recommending individuals for Board positions. Michael asked for volunteers and the following Board members agreed to serve on the committee: Bob McPherson, Greg Thompson, Martha Bradley and Scott Christensen. Michael suggested that the committee also include Division staff, Fellows and Honorary Life Members.

### **GRANT REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

The Board established an Advisory Committee to review grant applications for heritage and cultural tourism in January 2006. The Advisory Committee is made up of members of the various divisions in the Department of Community and Culture: two representatives of State History, Arts Council, Governors Office of Economic Development, and one representative from State Library, Office Museum Services and the Ethnic Offices. The committee is chaired by Allyson Isom, Deputy Director of the Department of Community and Culture. Recently grant applications for \$30,000 were open to public. The committee received twenty eight applications. The criteria for the selection of the applications is as follows: seventy five percent is based upon partnership, goals and outcome measures and their plan of work; and twenty five percent is based on the history of the organization, number of staff and budget accountability. The committee reviewed the applications against the criteria and recommends the following:

- \$10,000, *Bear River Heritage Area Association* to identify liaisons with local state and federal stakeholders to strengthen the Bear River Heritage Area.
- \$3,000, *Envision Escalante* to further expand the Pioneer Information Center.
- \$3,000, *Morgan County Historical Society* to produce a self-guided auto tour from Henefer to Mormon Flat.
- \$4,000, *Providence City* to identify important heritage sites.
- \$10,000. *Wasatch Area Economic Development Agency/Heber Valley Heritage Foundation* to identify traditional artisans, historic homes and heritage sites.

Two alternates:

- \$10,000, fully funds *Envision Escalante* up to \$10,000.

- \$10,000, *American West Heritage Center* to develop, in partnership with the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation, an educational venue for tribal interpretation of their heritage.

Greg Thompson made the motion to adopt the Advisory Committees' recommendations. Chere Romney seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Wilson Martin also reported that the National Mormon Heritage Area and the Great Basin Heritage Area will receive federal ongoing funding of a minimum of \$225,000 each for the next ten years.

Michael Homer expressed the appreciation of the Board and Division to Max Smith for helping to provide accommodation at the Alta Club for James Loewen, the guest speaker for the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual State History Conference.

Michael encouraged the Board to attend the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual State History Conference beginning today, September 6 – 8, and to get involved in the planning of next year's 56<sup>th</sup> Annual State History Conference.

Greg Thompson and Martha Bradley suggested that the Board retreat for next year be held before the academic fall calendar, perhaps early in August.

Greg Thompson made the motion to adjourn. Martha Bradley seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

**ADJOURN** at 2:15 p.m.